

# 2 Chicago-area artists are design winners

By Roger Boye

**T**wo Chicago-area artists with lasting memories of World War II soon will have their artwork—and initials—engraved into special U.S. coins commemorating the war's 50th anniversary.

George Klauba of Chicago and Charles J. Madsen of Western Springs also will receive \$2,500 each from Uncle Sam as two of five winners in a national coin-design competition that garnered 430 entries. Their drawings were selected by Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen based on the recommendations of various experts.

Klauba's portrait of three service personnel will adorn the "heads side" of the copper-nickel clad half dollar while Madsen's design of a soldier celebrating victory will go on the "heads side" of the \$5 gold piece.

"It sounds corny, but I did my design in memory of the guys who were my heroes when I was a kid," said Klauba, 54. One of his uncles served aboard a U.S. destroyer that was sunk by the Japanese in 1944—and he lived to tell about it.

Madsen, 76, served in the U.S. Army in Japan in 1946 and 1947. He said he used just one soldier in his design, in part because of the coin's small size.

"I thought the one man leaping for joy would portray the glory of victory," he said.

Madsen has worked as a graphic designer and commercial artist for more than 50 years and has a studio in Chicago.

Until July 10, the U.S. Mint will sell the half dollar and \$5 gold piece, as well as a World War II commemorative silver dollar, at pre-issue price discounts. For example, a proof half dollar costs \$9 now and \$10 starting July 10; a three-coin proof set currently is \$215, a \$30 discount. (The \$5 coin contains .24 ounce of gold and the dollar contains .76 ounce of silver.)

For information on sales options and prices, call 1-800-892-9944, or write to the Customer Service Center, United States Mint, 10001 Aerospace Drive, Lanham, Md. 20706. Coin shipments are to begin in July and continue for several months.